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SUBJECT: SECRETARY ROEL ON F-5 QUESTION

1. I ASKED ROEL WHETHER AMBASSADOR MARGAIN WAS GOING TO WITHDRAW THE MEXICAN REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF F-5'S, DELIVERED TO DEPARTMENT ON DECEMBER 9. (AS REPORTED IN MEXICO 04165, ROEL HAD SAID THAT, IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO'S STATEMENT DURING OUR MARCH 9 MEETING, HE WOULD INSTRUCT MARGAIN TO ASK FOR THE NOTE TO BE RETURNED TO THE MEXICAN EMBASSY.)

2. ROEL SAID THAT THE GOM POSITION ON F-5 PURCHASE WAS NOW WHAT HE CALLED A "YELLOW LIGHT", HOLD-EVERYTHING ATTITUDE. HE ASKED THAT THE USG SIT ON THE NOTE FOR THE TIME BEING AND NOT TAKE ANY ACTION OR MAKE ANY RESPONSE. HE SAID THAT MEXICO DID NOT WANT TO HAVE TO SPEND \$150 MILLION FOR F-5'S AT THIS TIME. I NOTED THAT THE TOTAL AIRCRAFT PURCHASE PRICE WOULD BE CLOSER TO \$220,000,000 THAN THE \$150 MILLION HE MENTIONED.

3. FOR GENERAL INFORMATION, MY ISRAELI COLLEAGUE HERE TOLD ME THAT ISRAEL, WHICH TAKES A MORE TRADE-ORIENTED ATTITUDE TOWARD ARMS SALES THAN DOES THE US, HAD TOLD THE GOM THAT IT WAS WILLING TO SUPPLY HIGH-PERFORMANCE AIRCRAFT TO MEXICO ON A CASH SALE BASIS AND RECEIVED THE SAME
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RESPONSE FROM THE FOREIGN SECRETARY THAT I RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO--IN SHORT "NO SALE". LUCEY

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